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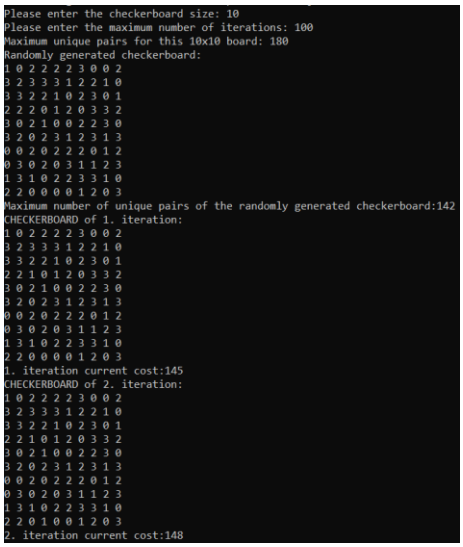
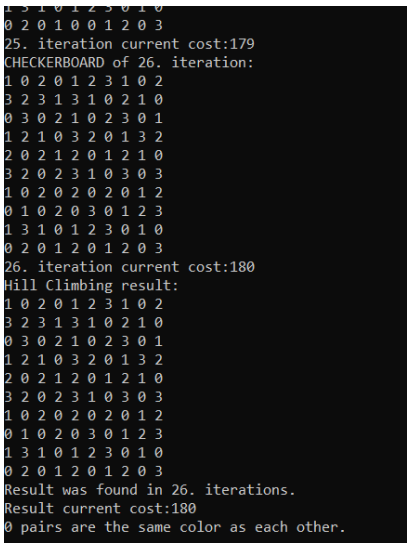
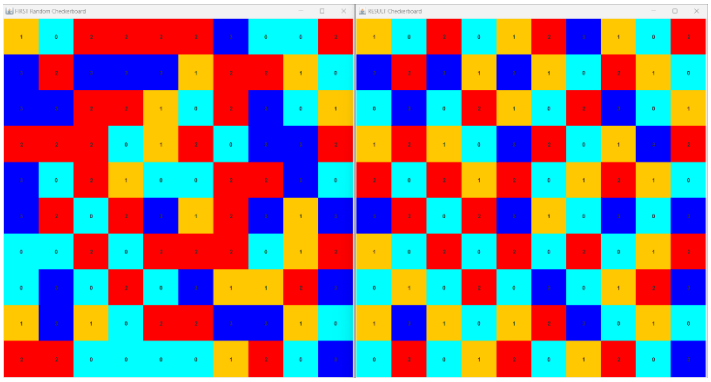
I coded both algorithms in java.

In the Hill Climbing Search, a random board is generated. All neighboring boards of this board are generated and the best one is selected. It continues in this way until the maximum unique pairs or the maximum number of iterations. If there is no better neighbor and we have not reached the maximum unique pairs, the result is returned.

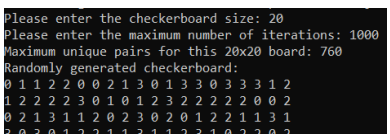
Example 1 Hill Climbing:

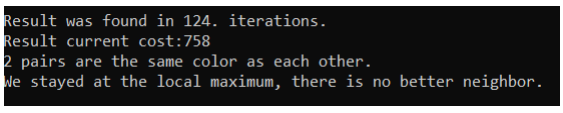


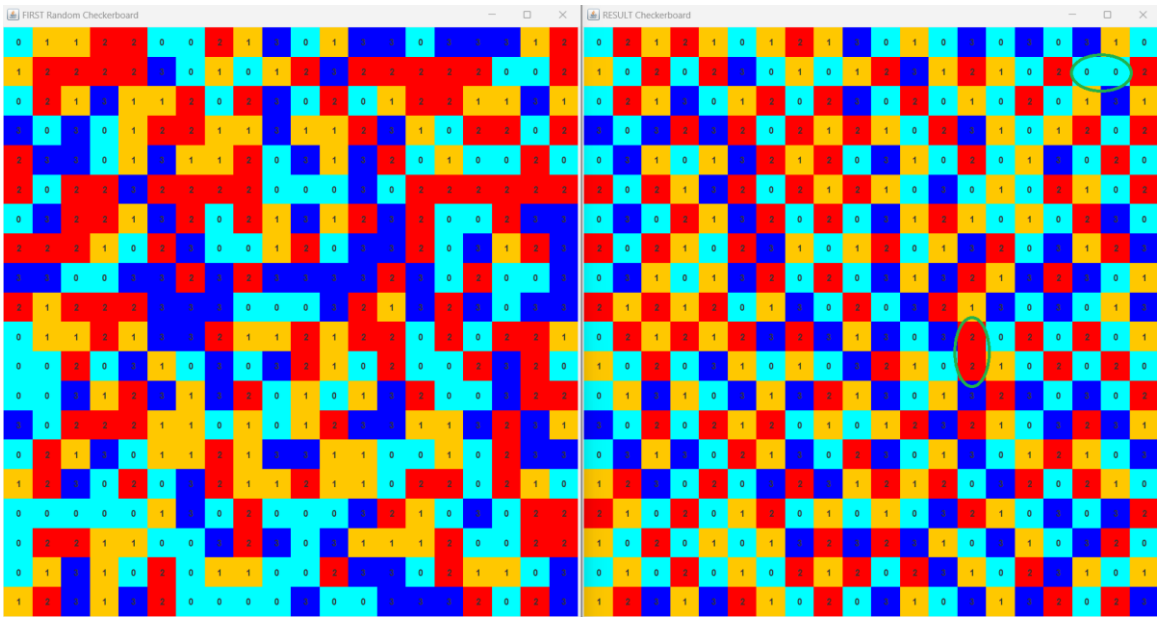




Example 2 Hill Climbing:





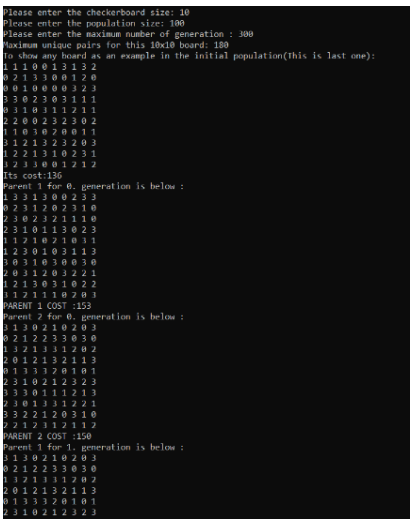


In this example, it got stuck at a local maximum and terminated because it couldn't find a better neighbor. I marked the remaining same color 2 pairs with green color.

In the Genetic Algorithm, the user is asked for checkerboard size, population size and maximum number of generation. The algorithm works like this. According to the board size given by the user, population size boards are randomly created. The two best boards are selected among these boards. If it does not meet the required condition for that board size; the two best boards we choose cross over randomly horizontally and vertically and according to a randomly selected crossing over point. By default, I determined the mutation process as a 5 percent probability that one of the two children produced will mutate one color. In this way, the algorithm continues until it finds the desired condition or reaches the maximum generation number. Finally, it returns and shows the best board it found as a result.

- The mutation greatly affected the algorithm's ability to reach an optimal result. The population, which was limited before the mutation, gave a better result with the mutation.
- The genetic algorithm tends to use more memory than the hill climbing search depending on problem.

Example 1 Genetic Algorithm:



Example 2 Genetic Algorithm:

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Please enter the checkerboard size: 10
Please enter the population size: 200
Please enter the maximum number of generation : 1000
Maximum unique pairs for this 10x10 board: 180
To show any board as an example in the initial population(This is last one):
2 1 2 3 3 3 0 2 2 0
0 2 2 0 0 0 3 2 0 1
2 2 0 0 2 2 2 0 0 0
0 3 2 3 3 0 3 1 2 1
0 3 0 0 0 1 2 2 2 1
3 0 2 3 0 3 3 2 0 0
0 1 1 3 1 0 0 3 1 1
0 1 0 0 1 2 2 1 2 0
0 0 2 0 2 3 3 1 0 3
2 3 1 2 2 0 2 0 0 0
Its cost:132
Parent 1 for 0. generation is below :
1 1 3 2 3 0 2 3 1 3
2 2 3 1 2 2 1 1 0 1
2 0 0 3 3 1 1 3 0 3 0
2 1 0 3 1 2 0 2 0 2
1 2 2 0 2 0 3 0 2 1
3 1 1 3 1 1 2 3 3 0
0 0 3 2 2 3 2 0 2 0
3 0 2 0 1 0 2 1 2 1
3 0 1 2 0 3 3 3 1 2
0 1 3 1 1 2 0 0 2 3
PARENT 1 COST :151
Parent 2 for 0. generation is below :
0 3 0 1 3 3 2 2 1 3
1 0 1 2 3 1 1 3 0 2 3
2 2 3 3 1 1 0 1 2 2
0 3 0 0 1 1 3 3 1 1
2 1 3 0 3 1 1 3 2 2 3
3 0 1 0 3 0 2 3 0 1
0 1 0 2 0 2 1 1 3 2
2 0 1 3 2 1 3 0 2 2
1 3 1 2 1 3 1 3 2 0
0 1 0 3 2 2 0 0 2 2
PARENT 2 COST :148
Parent 1 for 1. generation is below :
0 3 3 2 3 0 2 3 1 3
0 0 3 1 2 2 1 1 0 1
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